

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks submitted herein. Claims 1-33 have been canceled, and new claims 34-77 have been added. The amendments serve to remove the multiple dependencies, and to clarify the claim language. Support for new claims 34-77 can be found in the originally filed claims and throughout the specification. Claims 34-77 are currently pending.

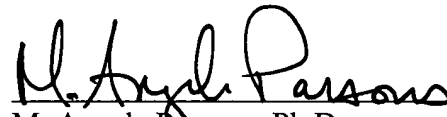
In addition, Applicants have amended the specification to include a paragraph describing related applications and to claim the benefit of priority to such applications. Applicants also have amended the specification to remove the paragraph on page 5 that refers to claim numbers, and to add an Abstract. The attached Abstract corresponds to the English language Abstract that was published in the PCT application. Therefore, Applicants submit that there is no new matter introduced by these amendments.

CONCLUSION

Applicants ask that claims 34-77 be examined. The enclosed filing fee takes into account the claims pending following entry of this Preliminary Amendment. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account 06-1050.

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